FIRE IMPERILS. LIVES OF GIRLS

Pupils of a Washington Boarding School Have Narrow Escapes.

TRANSFIXED BY DANGER

Graphic Description of Rush for Safety—The Misses Eddy in the Party.

the Iroquois Theater fire of a box par- flames. ty of young women, including a number fires," said the fire chief, "is from the from Washington, forms one of the most remarkable incidents of the holocaust The young women were pupils of Mrs. Somers' school at Eleventh and M more I streets northwest, and were in Chicago stance. on a holiday visit.

The box party was given by Mrs Rolcluded her daughters. Mrs. Harry B. the authorities, that the stage in every Pearson and Miss Katherine Keyes, Miss theater should be separated absolutely Mrs. Charles A. Plamondon, of Chicago. in time of emer For School Girl Friends.

The party was given by Mrs_Keyes for the school friends of her daughter, Ketherine, and was preceded by a luncheon at the Auditorium Annex. They were late in reaching the theater, and occupied the two front boxes on the south side of the theater.

Miss Plamondon, who waited until the fire caught in the curtains over the front box in which she sat before attempting to go out, has given a graphic description of the fire. According to a dispatch from Chicago today, Miss Plamondon described her experience as follows:

Miss Plamondon's Escape.

"I can't tell you how I escaped. I only know that when the flames began to crackle over my head and dart down from the curtains of our box I leaped over the railing of the box and fell in the arms of some man. I think he was

a vague recollection of having been is in good working order. He sees that pushed up the side aisle that runs along all lights are lit at exits, and that expushed up the side aisle that runs along all lights are little to the side aisle that runs along all lights are little to the side aisle that runs along all lights are little to the side aisle that runs along the sid by the boxes. It was as quiet as death for a moment. The great audience rose like a gingle person, but no sound escaped it. Those in front were wedged in the doorways. Then a scream of terror went up that I shall never forget. It rings in my ears now. Women screamed and children wild will be recalled at each performance the fire and children cried. Men were shouting and rushing for the entrances, leaping over the prostrate forms of children and

"I was soon sensible of the fact that and other fire-fighting paraphernalia I was being carried along in the mass of frantic humanity that surged toward the main entrance. I did not feel any pain or suffocation. My mind seemed to be a blank as I think of it now, excepting for this screaming of the women and the crying of the children. It pierced right through you.

Dasked Against a Pillar.

"Back of me, I remember, there was a sheet of flame that seemed to be gathering in volume and reaching out for us. Then I forgot again and not until the crowd surged toward the wall and caught me between it and the marble pillar did I realize what I was doing and just what position the danger was. The pain revived me, I know I was almost crushed to death, but it did not hurt. Nothing could hurt with the screaming. the agonized cries of the women and children ringing in my ears.
"And then, somehow, I found myself

out on the street, and the dead and dying were around me. When I realized that I was out of the place and safe from the fire and crush, all my strength scemed to leave me. My knees trembled, and for the life of me I could not me after a moment, and I went around being brought in, and the poor actresse and chorus girls were coming in with little on them. I remembered I helped to dress some of the chorus girls, and expressed pity for them, but what else

Realization of Danger.

Miss Elmore and myself managed to keep together, and found each other When Miss Hill was pushed out of the to the Marshall Field store.

never felt as I did when the fire first started and it dawned upon us NEGRO BADLY BURNED that the theater was on fire. It seemed like a dream at first.

CALL FOR CHANGE IN THEATER CONSTRUCTION

and Marshal Bieber.

TO KEEP STAGE SEPARATE LATER ACCOUNTS QUIETING INVASION OF THEIR RIGHTS

Loss of Life Results From Poisonous Gases Rather Than From Flames. Some Local Fires.

Chief Engineer Belt and Fire Marshal Bieber, of the District Fire Department, stated to a Times reporter today that a fire similar to the one which occurred in Chicago yesterday could occur in any theater in the world, notwithstanding the fact that they are supposed to be

Chief Belt further stated that eight out of ten persons killed in fires are suf-focated, and are not victims of the

gases, and not the actual fire itself.
The disaster in Chicago yesterday, although fearful to contemplate, will no doubt be a lesson that will save many more lives than were lost in this in-

lin A. Keyes, of Evanston, Ill., and in- have been endeavoring to impress upon uary 7. The remember very well the six theater frees we have had in Washington. Four them were in the National Treater, we was the old Rords, on Teath 8 reet.

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Struction which could be eaten up by flames in a minute. Every entrance from the stage to the auditorium should be fireproof, and the asbestos curtains should be so arranged that nothing of mondon, youngest daughter of Mr, and interfere with their falling in time of emergency, such as was the case in Chicago.

Eng. School Col. Sci.

one was the old Ford's, on Tenth Street, and the other was in the Oxford, now the Empire. The first fire in the National occurred in 1857, the second in the fire occurred in March, 1885, in Cleve land's first Administration. The roo collapsed within twenty minutes after fire was discovered, and if a performance had been in progress the loss of life would have exceeded this Chicago catastrophe. The fortunate thing in every one of these fires in local theaters, is that they occurred while the houses were empty. We have never had a life lost by fire in a theater.'

The Precautions Here.

connected with the theater, for he immediately set me down in a scat and told me to be quiet for a moment.

"Then I think I lost all reason. I have lowered and raised, in order to see if it its are not blocked. These lights must remain lit, no matter how dark the scene may be on the stage.

said the Fire Marshal. "A fireman is detailed at each performance, the fire hose has connections on both sides of over the prostrate forms of children and women, and carrying others down with them.

"The use of matches, smoking of cig-

DR. BECKER IS HELD FOR THE GRAND JURY

preliminary hearing.

All of the testimony was taken on Tuesday. The Government appears to

WHILE INTOXICATED

PRESIDENT ALERT ASK COURT TO ENJOIN THE WALKING DELEGATE IN KISHENEF MATTER

Local Union. ances of Prompt Action.

ance that if steps are to be taken this Government will not be behind hand."
This is the tenor of messages of reply which the Hon. Simon Wolf, of the executive quinell of the Brial British, which the Hon. Simon Wolf, of the candidation are employed is made the subject and basis for a litigation instituted today in the Supreme Court of the conditions in Kishenef, is sending to the numerous telegrams he is receiving from the Jewish organizations all over the United States.

Last night Mr. Wolf received a dispatch from the Jewish congregation in Los Angeles, Cal. In addition he had anxious queries from the Central Repatch from the Jewish congregation of their business, or with them in the largest in the country, also from organizations in Philadelphia, St. Louis, and elsewhere. All the senders make anxious inquiry as to definite reports concerning the alleged threatened massacre to take place at Kishenef on Jan.

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A Fireproof Wall.

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account for the present tremendous agitation. We cannot be too careful in this matter and whether there is the slightest foundation for the threats of massacre or not, the Jews of this country intend to keep thoroughly in touch with the situation."

Mr. Wolf communicated the result of his interview with the President to a mass meeting of the Jews of Savannah, Ga., held last evening. Dispatches say a committee was appointed to take such action as it deemed fit. The colonization of Russian Jews in America, an appeal to this Government, and a direct appeal to the Czarina was advised.

Would Cause Strike.

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FREE-HAND COMMENT ON MEN AND MANNERS

There'll be no more smoking and poker, some useful work, in helping others, or

Reassuring Reports.

more staying out long after mid-For the New Year commences tomor-

There'll be no more betting on horses, No more losses and money to borrow. For we'll all of us make resolutions,

Alleged Incendiary Placed Under Bond cable past—when it joins "yesterday's of its ancient respectability? of \$1,000 by Judge Scott in Pelice
Court This Morning.

Complete justlee will not be done in the world until a woman who does a man's work receives a man's pay. It would be for the interest both of men of man. Youth, of course, is too joyous to realize that the current is swift, and, even though the waters bubble like champagne and flowers bloom along the latter are often employed and take the places of men simply because they can be got more cheaply. The experiment recently made in the molling and the mentioners.

and in addition to several lives about is the time for storing up knowledge original wage restored. We are yet in and fitting ourselves for the serious that primitive state of civilization placed in peril. At 2 o'clock today Dr. Becker had not procured a bondsman, but it is understood the matter will be adjusted late this afternoon.

business of life. The youth, therefore, where we pay women rather according to what they who has wasted this past year, has good cause to bid it good-by regretfully, do. Man, being the superior animal, should, as we reason, receive the larger prayers can restore to him. Whatever pay, even when he does less work. be your religious creed, you must agree

WHILE INTOXICATED

While intoxication of the control of the service of the servic

No more cocktails and headache and in strengthening our own characters!

Will the running of a tranch of the Baltimore and Ohio into Georgetown change the character in any way of that most interesting portion of the city of Washington? For the chief charm of Georgetown, as everybody knows, is its combined proximity and remoteness. It And be sickishly good from tomorrow. is reached in a very few moments by ex cellent street car service, yet it has managed to sit aloof, as it were, from It has been a pretty good old year. the rest of the city, and, wrapped about the rest of the city, and, wrapped about in a certain antebellum respectability, heart-wrench in laying it away in the thing is certain: good or gaudiness of the newer Washington. bad, we shall never look upon its face again, neither in time nor in eternity. It is not in the gift of the infinite to call der of things, he was yet within strikit back for us. Some things are im- ing distance of the downtown churches, possible even to Omnipotence. To make 5 out of 2 and 2 is one of these, and to restore a moment of lost time is another. We shall, therefore, feel sad when 1903 steps back into the irrevo-

held the defendant in \$1,000 bond for the banks quite within reach. Age is a ment recently made in the mailbag reaction of the grand jury. This ends the little farther down, where the blooms pair shop demonstrates that women are grow farther back and are not so fra-grant. There is little difference between men. Those female employes receive All of the testimony was taken on Tuesday. The Government appears to have established as a fact that Dr. Becker, after removing most of the valuable effects from his rooms at 615 Seventh Street northwest, started a fire in each of the rooms with the purpose of getting the insurance with which to pay his back rent and meet other financial obligations.

There is little difference between twenty and twenty-one, perhaps, in the cycs of those who are still in the brave days; yet what a great difference there is, after all!

Seventh Street northwest, started a fire in each of the rooms with the purpose is, after all!

Just think it. A man is well along at thirty, and there are only ten years between twenty and thirty. Every one that passes, therefore, is an important matter. And the more so because youth are little difficulty in getting their original wage restored. We are yet in

be your religious creed, you must agree that the heavens are cold and deaf to those praying for the resurrection of spectively, as regards newspaper cordead time. And we who have got up respondents, is a fair criterion of the into the forties and beyond, how grudgingly, how like misers, do we give up the years one by one! To write 1904 now to allow correspondents to accompany the head of our letters with one even either her armise or her fleet while the

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES AT CENTRAL MISSION

ception for Tomorrow.

LATER ACCOUNTS QUIETING

INVASION OF THEIR RIGHTS

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Important Question Raised Relative to Interference of Organized Labor With Workmen.

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building.

Evargelistic services will be held in
the auditorium from 12 o'clock to 9:30,
with a change of leaders and helpers
each hour.

INTO AN OPEN SWITCH CRASHED FLYING TRAIN

Shore Road.

FIREMAN IS INJURED BY A PIECE OF GLASS

Elias Raff has entered suit against the F. J. Nesline was struck on the head by west.

A. W. MACHEN TO FACE JUDGES ON JANUARY II

IN BOX PARTY Views of Fire Chief Belt Simon Wolf Gets Assur- Bakers File Suit Against Cospel Meeting From Noon to Midnight. Engineer and Fireman Killed and Sev- Other Alleged Criminals Whose Cases and Marshal Richer Next Month.

ARE DANGEROUSLY ILL

Fire in the home of Arthur Mayo, centive force of the Patent Office by the 1416 Rhode Island Avenue, did damage illness of three prominent officials.
to the amount of \$20. There was no S. Morris Pool, assistant chief of the nsurance.
While working on the fire Fireman ously ill at his home, 336 S Street north-

> Benjamin F. Snyder, in charge of the attorney's room, is ill with pleurisy at

DREW GETS CONTRACT.

The District Commissioners have accepted the bid of Fred Drew, of \$33, for laying concrete in the basement of the Franklin School Building.

In shome in Kensington. He was somewhat improved today.

DeWitt P. Cowl, application clerk, is seriously ill at the home of his daughter, laying concrete in the basement of the Franklin School Building.

WOMEN ARE ESPECIALLY WINTER CATARRH

Pe-ru-na Cures a Cold Before It Develops Into Chronic Winter Catarrh.



"I am pleased to say that Peruna cured me in less LAWSON. than three months of a most chronic case of catarrh, the result of a bad cold which I neglected. I was